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STATEMENTS OF RELEVANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.98a(3)(i)

Sir:

Applicants, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3)(i), provides the following concise statements of the relevance of the following publications that are in foreign languages.

PCT WO 01/002385 (in French) discloses a genus of l-(quinolin-4-y1)-1H-pyrazoles which are said to be useful as fungicides. The products are pyrazoles that are substituted on the 1-position with a quinoline:

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Some of them are synthesized from the appropriate 4-chloroquinoline and the corresponding l -unsubstituted pyrazole.

Essassi et al., *Bull. Soc. Chim. Belg.* Vol. 96, pp63 - 67, 1987 (in French) discloses the 'Synthesis And Heterocylisation Of (Pyrazolyl-3(5))-2 Benzimidazoles By Phase Transfer Catalysis'. The (pyrazolyl-3(5))-2 benzimidazoles have been synthesised by melting together o-phenylene-diamines <u>1a-1g</u> and pyrazole hydrazides <u>2a-2b</u> with excellent yields (Scheme 1).

$$\begin{array}{c} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ NH_2 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_2 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_2 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_2 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_2 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_2 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_3 \\ NH_4 \\ NH_5 \\ NH_5$$

Dibromo-1,2 ethane and dibromo-1,3 propane were condensed with (pyrazolyl-3(5))-2 benzimidazoles <u>3a-3d</u> and led respectively to benzimidazolo [1,2-a] pyrazolo [1,5-c] pyrazines <u>4a-4d</u> and benzimidazolo [1,2-a] pyrazolo [1,5-c] diazepines-1,4 <u>5a-5d</u> (Scheme 2).

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Scheme 2

WO 94/029300 (in French) discloses pyrazoles 3-substituted by a heterocyclic ring as fungicides for agricultural use. These pyrazoles are of formulae (I) and (Ibis):

Het
$$Y_1$$
 (I)

 X_1 Y_2
 X_2

Het Y_1 (Ibis)

wherein Het can be an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring;

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Y1, Y2 = hydrogen; halogen; hydroxyl; mercapto; nitro; cyano; thiocyanate; alkoxy optionally substituted by halogen; alkylthio optionally substituted by halogen; acyl; thioacyl; alkoxycarbonyl; alkylthiocarbonyl; optionally substituted phenoxy; amino optionally substituted by alkyl or phenyl; alkylsulfinyl; or alkylsulphonyl;

Z = hydrogen or various substituents.

Applicants believe that no fee is required under 37 CFR §1.17(p). However, if any fees are required, or an overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge, or credit, U.S. Deposit Account No. 08-1935 for such sum.

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